Weston Conservation Commission - Public Meeting Minutes June 16, 2020

Approved: July 7, 2020

Members Participating Alison Barlow, Cynthia Chapra, Josh Feinblum, Rebecca Loveys, Ellen

Freeman Roth

Members Absent Joseph Berman and Rees Tulloss

Conservation Staff: Michele Grzenda

Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order concerning imposition on strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, this Conservation Commission meeting was conducted via remote participation using Zoom.com. The Town provided access to such meeting via a link to call in. No in-person attendance of members of the public was permitted, but every effort was made to ensure that the public could adequately access the proceedings.

7:30 p.m. Admin. Matters

- 1. Vegetation Concerns 40 Acre Field: The neighbor (208 Newton Street) requested permission to conduct tree removal and pruning on the adjacent 40-Acre Field (Town Land) and requested the Town remove the invasive knotweed patch. (The neighbor is ok with the town using glyphosate to conduct the work.). The owner submitted a sketch and narrative of his proposal which the commission reviewed. The Commission is supportive of neighbor's request and requested that the Agent meet with the neighbor's arborist prior to work. In addition, since it is municipal land, the Town Manager or Select Board need to approve. Land's Sake, who leases the land, has approved the work as well.
- 2. Land Management Updates
 - The agent provided an update on the Emergency Leash Order. All other surrounding towns are maintaining the leash order and it was the Agent's opinion that Weston should coordinate with the surrounding towns in terms of when to lift the leash order. The Commission agreed.
 - Juniper Road Field edge work completed
 - o Case Estates additional clearing along rock walls to be completed by June 30th
 - Request to obtain cost estimates for management of 4 knotweed patches on town land: (1) Sunset Corner; (2) Case Estates (2 patches); (3) College Pond; and (4) 40-Acre field. The Agent suggested the Commission request cost estimates to combat these 4 knotweed patches. The neighbor is ok with the town using glyphosate to conduct the work.
- 3. Electronically Signing of Documents:
 - Motion by Cynthia Chapra to issue the Cert. of Compliance for 44 Oak Street (337-1282), contingent upon a complete as-built plan; seconded seconded by Josh Feinblum; Roll Call Vote taken: unanimous
 - Motion by Cynthia Chapra to issue a Cert. of Compliance for 11 Briar Lane (337-1340);
 seconded by Josh Feinblum; Roll Call Vote taken: unanimous
- 4. Approval 5/26/20 Con Com minutes; Motion by Josh Feinblum to approve; seconded by Rebecca Loveys; Roll Call Vote taken: unanimous.

7:40 p.m. Request for Determination of Applicability; Weston Sidewalks - K. Calder, Weston DPW The Town of Weston proposes to perform vegetation management along roadways and sidewalks throughout town as it has done the previous 3 years. These activities will be done in accordance with an approved Vegetation Management Plan (VMP). In accordance with the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and its implementing Regulations (WPA), DPW has filed an RDA to verify the wetland

delineation along. Motion by Josh Feinblum to issue a Determination of Applicability; seconded by Cynthia Chapra; Roll Call Vote taken: unanimous.

8:00 p.m. Request for Determination of Applicability 79 Drabbington Way; T. Scaife

The owner requested permission to install a shed within the Riverfront Area and 100-foot Buffer Zone. The owner indicated that the shed would be placed approx. 50 feet from the wetland edge, on an existing landscaped area. No grading is proposed. Motion by Josh Feinblum to issue a Negative 3 Determination of Applicability; seconded by Cynthia Chapra; Roll Call Vote taken: unanimous.

8:10 p.m. Notice of Intent: 71 Concord Road; A. Mei

The Applicant requested a continuance. Motion by Josh Feinblum to continue the hearing until July 7, 2020 at 7:35 p.m.; seconded by Ellen Freeman Roth; Roll Call Vote taken: unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.